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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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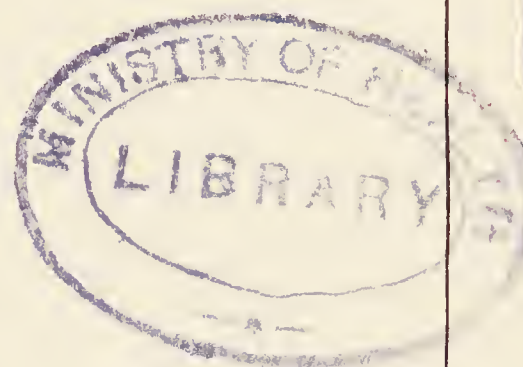
REPORTS

for the Year 1955

of the Medical Officer of Health  
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SKELTON AND BROTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my ninth Annual Report for the year 1955, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with Circular 17/55 of the Ministry of Health.

I would like at the outset to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

I wish to thank all who have contributed to the smooth conduct of affairs. To Mr. F. Wilkinson I am again obliged for his co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. J. Pattison whose report follows mine I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

The problems of the public health have changed greatly in the last thirty years. Infectious diseases including Tuberculosis, have decreased greatly, both in number and severity. More and better food, more humane hours of labour, particularly important for younger persons, greater consideration for individuals as human beings and not as mere "hands", have all played their part in maintaining health and raising the power to resist infection; I believe that the increasing variety of protective substances which can be injected into the individual are also helping to create and maintain the resistance against the particular disease for which each is used. But new problems are arising. There is that of the old people which Preventive Medicine has itself created by prolonging people's lives. The best solution is not to allow them to believe themselves old by employing them as fully and for as many years as possible, for the human body that is not employed deteriorates quickly, like an unused machine. Pensioners who could be employed are like cars deteriorating in a garage, except that they are not heading for the scrap-heap where some useful metal could be recovered, but before their time are likely to require the services of a Domestic Help and then to become candidates for scarce and costly institutional care, again before their time.

Then there are the diseases that affect the body though they are linked with the mind; coronary thrombosis, high blood pressure, peptic ulcers, some forms of rheumatism are instances of these. Why do so many people need tranquillisers to soothe their nerves,



to give them peace by day and sleep by night? The family doctors prescribe quantities of barbiturates, tobacconists sell countless millions of cigarettes; it is true that alcohol is not being drunk in increasing quantities but the reason for that is simple—it is just too dear.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. BUTCHER,  
Medical Officer of Health.

District Health Office,  
Park Lane,  
Guisborough.  
31st May, 1956.

**TABLE 1**  
**Public Health Officers**

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. W. H. Butcher		
Sanitary Inspectors	Mr. A. T. Pallister*	Mr. J. J. Pattison	Mr. W. C. Ranson*
Additional Sanitary Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward		commenced duty 21/2/55

\*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

**SECTION I**

**Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area**

**Population**

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1955 is 12,790, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1954 of 12,800.

## General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres	....	....	15,419
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books			4,104
3. Rateable Value	....	....	£49,694
4. Sum represented by a penny rate	....	....	£198

## Social Conditions

The District is officially styled Urban, certainly the great industries of the Skinninggrove Iron and Steel Works and of Tees-side employ the hard core of its people, yet no one of us is far from the moors, fields and cliffs. How true that is can be realised on a fine summer's evening from such a view point as Birk Brow or Brown Beacon with the sun setting beyond the Eston Hills, the moors around, perhaps purple in their grandeur, the verdant valleys below, and beyond in its haze, the North Sea.

**TABLE 2**

### Vital Statistics

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	100	98	198
Legitimate	....	94	95	189
Illegitimate	....	6	3	9
Still Births	....	5	3	8
Legitimate	....	5	3	8
Illegitimate	....	—	—	—

### Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

			MALE	FEMALE
Total	....	....	7	4
Legitimate	....	....	7	4
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—

The number of births registered being 198 gives a birth-rate of 15.5 per 1,000 of the population; corrected for comparability the birth-rate is 15.9 compared to 15.0 for England and Wales. Eleven infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 55 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 24.9. Seven of the infant deaths were under four weeks of age.

TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics

## CAUSES OF DEATH

			MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	....	....	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	....	....	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	....	....	—	—
Diphtheria	....	....	—	—
Whooping Cough	....	....	—	—
Meningo-coccal infections	....	....	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	....	....	—	—
Measles	....	....	—	—
Other infective and parasitic Diseases	....	....	—	—
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	....	....	—	2
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus			4	—
Malignant neoplasm of breast	....	....	—	1
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	....	....	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms			9	3
Leukaemia	....	....	—	—
Diabetes	....	....	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	....	....	12	9
Coronary disease, angina	....	....	20	4
Hypertension with heart disease	....	....	1	2
Other heart disease	....	....	7	13
Other circulatory diseases	....	....	4	3
Influenza	....	....	—	2
Pneumonia	....	....	1	2
Bronchitis	....	....	1	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	....	....	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	....	....	1	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	....	....	1	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	....	....	3	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	....	....	2	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	....	....	—	—
Congenital malformations	....	....	1	—
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	....	....	7	5
Motor Vehicle accidents	....	....	2	—
All other accidents	....	....	5	—
Suicide	....	....	2	—
Homicide and operations of war	....	....	—	—
ALL CAUSES	....	....	84	52



TABLE 4

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1955

(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—
Scarlet Fever ....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ....	31	2	1	1	—	—	2	—	1	3	7	9	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ....	166	6	16	15	20	26	83	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 136 deaths of residents gave a death-rate of 10.6 per thousand of population; allowing for different age and sex distribution the comparable death-rate is 11.4 compared to 11.7 for England and Wales. Table 3 shows clearly what killed people in Skelton and Brotton in 1955.

## SECTION II

### Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases except tuberculosis and Table 5 that of tuberculosis.

What strikes me so forcibly is the great decrease of the infectious diseases including tuberculosis during the last thirty years; not only are the cases fewer in number, but their severity is less.

Four new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year and none of non-respiratory tuberculosis. There were no deaths.

**TABLE 5**  
**Tuberculosis**

AGE GROUPS			RESPIRATORY FORM		NON-RESPIRATORY FORM	
Years			Male	Female	Male	Female
0 to 4	....	....	1	—	—	—
5 to 9	....	....	—	—	—	—
10 to 14	....	....	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	....	....	—	—	—	—
20 to 24	....	....	—	—	—	—
25 to 34	....	....	1	—	—	—
35 to 44	....	....	—	1	—	—
45 to 64	....	....	1	—	—	—
65 and over	....	....	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	....	....	3	1	—	—

**TABLE 6**  
**Immunizations against Diphtheria or Whooping Cough and Diphtheria**

	AGE GROUPS	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed Immunizations		81	52	22	155
Reinforcing Doses	....		2	205	207

Immunization is available to children at the hands of the family doctor, or at the school clinics of the Education Authority at Carlin How, Lingdale and New Skelton, and at the infant welfare centres of the Local Health Authority at Carlin How, Lingdale,



Brotton and Skelton. Reinforcing doses are given at the schools to children who have been immunized earlier in life.

Regarding protection against smallpox, 33 persons received primary vaccinations and 1 was revaccinated making a total of 34.

### **SECTION III**

#### **The General Provision of Health Services in the District**

##### **1. Laboratory Facilities.**

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

##### **2. National Health Service Act, 1946.**

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee meets once a month in rotation at Guisborough, Skelton and Loftus. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service.

Prevention of illness: Care and After Care.

Ambulance Service.

Vaccination and Immunization.

Home Nursing.

Health Visiting.

Midwifery.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

##### **3. Guisborough Area Voluntary Care Committee.**

I would like to record the useful work done by this Body for the welfare of persons suffering from tuberculosis and other illnesses. Whereas in connection with the welfare of the tuberculous the Committee has certain funds allocated to it, for the welfare of other sufferers it depends entirely on voluntary contributions. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Honorary Secretary, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough (Telephone: Guisborough 321).

##### **4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951—Section 47.**

During the year I managed to avoid advising the Local Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to the procedure laid down in these Acts. Getting the aged sick into hospital is becoming, in my experience, an increasingly difficult and lengthy procedure. I am not referring to the chronic sick but to the aged persons who, owing to the onset of an acute condition superimposed on old age or chronic illness, or to the worsening of a chronic

disease so that it has become an acute, are no longer fit to remain at home, because the services of the Home Nurse and of the Domestic Help, even if relatives are available to help (many of these old persons are alone) cannot be regarded as proper care and attention.

#### **SECTION IV.**

#### **WATER SUPPLIES**

##### **1. Cleveland Water Company.**

During the year 14 samples of the water supplied to consumers by the Cleveland Water Company were taken by me; I am glad to record that all were satisfactory as regards bacterial purity.

One sample of the Charlton's supply was taken by me; as has been found on several previous occasions after rain, it was not of a satisfactory degree of bacterial purity. I hope that with the completion of the Scaling scheme, the community of the Charlton will receive a mains supply of water.

#### **SECTION V.**

#### **Inspection and Supervision of Food**

##### **Milk**

The following samples of milk were taken by me and submitted to the necessary chemical and bacteriological examinations. The results are shown below:—

**TABLE 6**

Type of Milk	No. of Samples	Passed statutory tests for cleanliness	Failed the same	Biological test shows infection with tuberculosis	Brucellus Abortus found
Tuberculin Tested	13	12	1	0	1

The above figures continue the improvement that I have found each year since I began sampling in 1952.

##### **Section 20—Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949**

No action was taken during the year under the above Regulations.

##### **Food Poisoning Outbreaks**

Two cases of food poisoning were notified to me during the year. Although they both occurred in the same part of the District, there was no traceable connection between them.

##### **Meat Inspection.**

I would draw attention to the figures given in Tables 12 and 13 by your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. J. Pattison. They show the care and labour expended in the important matter of meat inspection.

# SKELTON AND BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES,

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

20th February, 1956.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Skelton & Brotton Urban District Council.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my seventh Annual Report to the Council, for the year 1955.

I express my thanks to the members of the Council for their help and courtesy during the year and I am indebted to my colleagues, especially to Dr. Butcher, for the support and co-operation given to me at all times.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. PATTISON,

Sanitary Inspector.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

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### Generally

During 1955 as much of my time as possible was spent on housing repair work but the demands made upon my services by the public and Councillors through complaints, daily meat inspection work and the attention which must be given to other duties made it impossible for me to deal systematically with the repair and improvement of dwelling-houses. Although some useful work has been done many houses need serious repair, a large number of dry closets still remain to be converted to water closets and water supplies require great improvement. These are all major defects needing much time to remedy.

### Water Supply

The Scaling Reservoir Scheme of the Cleveland Water Company made progress during the year and, following the installation of a booster and some new mains, the supply to the higher parts of Brotton was greatly improved. Most of the property owners co-operated in installing sinks and water supplies in the houses in this area and only 10 remained to be done at the end of the year.

In 175 dwellinghouses water taps and sinks were provided in sculleries in place of standpipes or other supplies. The position in regard to dwellinghouses can be summarised as follows:—

**TABLE 7**

1. Number of houses supplied by standpipes	....	241
2. Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	....	72
3. Number of houses having direct supply ....	....	3791
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Total	....	4104
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### Sewerage and Drainage

With the exception of outlying houses and farms the district is served by public sewers discharging to the sea. A sewage disposal works owned by the council receives the sewage from the village of Moorsholm.

Some lengths of sewer, damaged by mining subsidence, need relaying. Sewers laid and repaired during 1955 were:—

New sewers laid: 55 yards of 12 inch, 290 yards of 9 inch and 114 yards of 6 inch. In addition, 128 yards of 15 inch sewers were relaid.

Most houses in the area have drains connected to the public sewers. 274 additional connections were made to the sewers for gully drains and closet conversions; 777 visits were made for the purpose of testing 359 drains totalling 1,196 yards of 4 inch and 7 yards of 6 inch pipe. In addition, 106 gullies, 47 chambers and 2 intercepting traps were provided.

## Closet Accommodation

With reference to water closets the water carriage system is not general in the area, nearly one-third of the sanitary accommodation consisting of pan or pail closets. In consequence of the improvement to the water supply to the higher parts of Brotton a greater number of conversions were carried out than are normally done in a year. Including the 4 middens at Kilton Hall Cottages, 250 dry closets were converted to water closets during the year, 132 grants of £7/10/- being paid by the Council.

The conversion of the 1,357 dry closets remaining in the district depends mainly upon the improvement of the water supply.

Twenty-three water-closets were added to existing premises and, including those associated with new houses, the number and description of sanitary conveniences at the end of the year was:—

**TABLE 8**

Water-closets	....	....	....	....	2884
Pan closets	....	....	....	....	1357
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					4241
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## Refuse Collection and Disposal

The system of refuse collection and disposal remained the same as outlined in the 1949 report, except that salvage was not collected or sold during the year. Very few complaints were received regarding irregular collections.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 1464 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1956, the cost of the service was estimated at £4,798.

Other items relating to the department were:—

Total mileage of vehicles	....	....	....	11,800
Loads of refuse collected and tipped	....	....	....	3,172
Approximate weight of refuse	....	....	....	6,344 tons
Trade refuse collected—loads	....	....	....	8
bins	....	....	....	596
Visits of inspection to tips, etc.	....	....	....	187

## Factories

Sixty-five visits were made to factories and 2 defects were found and remedied, 1 in respect of unsuitable or defective sanitary accommodation and 1 relating to a nuisance.

**TABLE 9****1. Inspections**

Premises	No. on register	No. of Inspections	No. of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced ....	22	25	—	—
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced ....	32	36	2	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced ....	2	4	—	—
TOTALS ....	56	65	2	—

**2. Cases where defects were found**

Offence	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation ....	0	0	0	0
Unsuitable or defective Sanitary Accommodation ....	1	1	0	0
Other offences ....	1	1	0	0
TOTALS ....	2	2	0	0

**Workplaces**

Eight visits were paid to workplaces (being places other than factories where persons are employed except in domestic service). No defect was found.

**Schools**

Three visits were made to schools. No defect was found.



## **Shops**

Eighty-three visits to shops, dealing in all classes of goods, resulted in 4 defects being found, 2 of which were remedied during the year.

## **Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-Laws or Regulations.**

There is no Common Lodging House, House Let in Lodgings, or Offensive Trade in the district.

Three licences were issued by the Council for Moveable Dwellings.

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed. Seven visits were made.

There are nine slaughter houses in the district but only six are licensed by the Council for regular slaughtering.

Improvements to drainage, structural condition and the provision of washing facilities were carried out at one premises. Eight hundred and fourteen visits were made to these slaughterhouses for the supervision of improvements and meat inspection purposes.

## **Eradication of Bed Bugs, Cleansing, etc.**

No house was found to be verminous during the year. Advice was given to 2 tenants regarding the destruction of crickets. The advice of the department was also sought regarding the identification and destruction of "Rust-red Flour Beetles" found in bales of imported cloth.

## **Rodent Control**

The rodent operative, appointed jointly by the Loftus and the Skelton and Brotton Urban District Councils, continued his duties in the two areas. By the end of the year the Council's sewers had been treated twice, while four business premises and twenty-eight houses were treated at the request of the owners. One allotment and one other premises were also treated and the Council's refuse tips received eleven treatments. The bodies of 31 rats and 32 mice were found but these represent, of course, only a small percentage of the actual number killed. The poisons used so far have been "Antu", zinc phosphide, arsenious oxide and red squill. The technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries was employed.

## **Housing**

Forty-three new houses were erected during the year, 33 by the Council.

Much of my time for the twelve months was again spent on housing repair work, no fewer than 987 houses being visited in connection with repairs needed under the Housing or Public Health Acts, necessitating a total of 2,079 visits. Lingdale, Boosbeck and Margrove Park were the areas in which I tried to concentrate, but demands upon my time were made by other duties and other parts of the district, making it impossible to work systematically. A great deal of work has been done but much more remains to be commenced.

**TABLE 10**

**Housing Appendix—Statistics**

*New houses erected in 1955*

(a) By Private Owners	....	....	....	....	10
(b) By the Council	....	....	....	....	33

1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	....	987
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	....	2079
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	....	....	....	0
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	....	0
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	....	....	1
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reason- ably fit for human habitation	....	....	....	59

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices*

(1) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	....	....	....	....	506
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	....	....	....	59
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	....	....	....	....
(a) By Owners	....	....	....	9
(b) By local authority in default of owners	....	....	....	0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	....	....	....	8
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**Table 10—Housing Appendix—Statistics—continued**

(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	....	....	....	
(a)	By Owners	....	....	....	8
(b)	By local authority in default of owners	....	....	....	0
C.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936				
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....	....	....	0
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....	....	13
D.	Proceedings under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936, Housing Act, 1949 (3), or Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 (10, 11)				
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	....	....	....	1
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	....	0
4.	<i>Housing Act, 1936, Part 4, Overcrowding</i>				
(1)	(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	....	....	67
	(b)	Number of families dwelling therein	....	....	81
	(c)	Number of persons dwelling therein	....	....	519
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year				2
(3)	(a)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	2
	(b)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	....	....	15
(4)	Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding				Nil
(5)	Of the total number of houses surveyed and recorded since overcrowding provisions were introduced in the Housing Acts, <i>i.e</i> 3,144, sixty-seven were overcrowded at the end of the year, giving a percentage of 2.13.				
5.	<i>Housing Act, 1949, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954</i>				
(1)	(a)	Number of Improvement Grants made	....	....	12
	(b)	Number of Improvement Grants refused	....	....	1
(2)	(a)	Number of Certificates of Disrepair granted (including 2 in 1954)			3
	(a)	Number of Certificates of Disrepair revoked	....	....	1



**TABLE 11****Nuisances**

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	....	1810
Nuisances found	....	462
Nuisances in hand, end of previous year	....	180
Total needing abatement	....	642
Abated during the year	....	480
Outstanding at end of year	....	162
Notices served, informal	462	Complied with 472
Notices served, statutory	8	Complied with 8
Number of summonses or other legal proceedings	....	0

**FOOD****Milk**

At the end of the year there were 8 dairies and 9 retailers on the register; 10 visits were made and no defect was found. Fourteen visits were also made to cowsheds.

**Meat and Other Foods**

There are 18 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

Six of the nine private slaughterhouses in the district are licensed by the Council for regular slaughtering by local butchers. One of these slaughterhouses is also used by a Loftus butcher whilst two slaughterhouses are being used for the slaughter of animals for a wholesale trade outside the urban area in addition to the local trade.

A considerable amount of extra work, including some early morning work, has now to be done on meat inspection, resulting in other work having to be curtailed. Eight hundred and fourteen visits were made to slaughterhouses and 7 to other premises for meat and other foods inspection purposes and the following foods were condemned as being diseased or otherwise unfit for human consumption:—

**TABLE 12**

		lbs.	ozs.
Beef	....	2879	12
Mutton	....	12	0
Pork	....	312	8
Canned Cooked Ham	....	12	5
Canned Ox Tongue	....	6	0
Canned Corned Beef	....	6	0
TOTAL	....	3228	9

All the food was surrendered voluntarily by the tradesmen concerned.

**TABLE 13**  
**Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part**

	Cattle Exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .....	524	194	19	1449	971	—
Number inspected .....	524	194	19	1449	971	—
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....	30	6	1	5	7	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercu- losis and cysticerci .....	5.7%	3.1%	5.3%	0.3%	0.7%	—
<b>Tuberculosis only :</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	—	1	1	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....	39	23	—	—	12	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .....	7.4%	12.4%	5.3%	—	1.2%	—
<b>Cysticercosis</b>						
Carcasses of which some part.... or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—

### **Bakehouses**

There are 5 bakehouses on the register, all of which are considered non-domestic in type; 10 visits were made and no defect was found.

### **Fish and Chip Shops**

Eighteen visits were paid to fried fish and chip shops, of which there are 18 on the register.

### **Ice Cream Shops**

The 41 registered ice cream premises received 47 visits. There is no manufacturer in the district.



## Public Houses

Sixteen inspections were made of the 21 public houses.

Summary supplied by the Sanitary Inspector to the Medical Officer of Health, in pursuance of Article 27 (18) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.

**TABLE 14**

### **Sanitary Inspector's Summary for the Year ended 31st December, 1955**

#### **1. Housing Repair Work done during the year**

Roofs renewed or repaired	....	136	Water closets provided	....	23
Chimneys rebuilt or repaired		13	Water closets repaired	....	17
Walls rebuilt or repaired	....	40	Bathrooms provided	....	16
Walls pointed or rendered	....	9	Closet pans renewed	....	289
Wall dampness remedied	....	120	Pan closets repaired	....	27
Eaves gutters renewed	....	23	Pan closets converted to water closets		250
Rain-water pipes renewed	....	14	Dust bins renewed	....	84
Connections to sewers	....	274	Dust bins provided	....	278
Drains tested (number)	....	359	Wash-houses repaired	....	9
Drains tested (length, yards)		1203	Wash-houses provided	....	0
Drains renewed	....	3	Washboilers renewed or repaired	....	9
Extra drains provided	....	359	Coalhouses provided or repaired	....	14
Choked drains cleared	....	11	Ceilings renewed or repaired	....	64
New gullies	....	106	Wall plaster renewed or repaired	....	75
New chambers	....	47	Floors renewed or repaired	....	71
New intercepting traps	....	2	Windows renewed or repaired	....	92
Waste pipes renewed or repaired		14	Windows re-corded	....	42
Yards paved	....	10	Ranges and ovens renewed or repaired		31
Yard paving renewed or repaired		18	Fireplaces renewed or repaired	....	9
Sinks renewed or provided	....	182	Doors renewed or repaired	....	91
Sculleries provided or repaired		44	Pantries or food stores provided or repaired		37
Water supply installed in houses		175	Handrails provided or renewed	....	0
Water pipes renewed or repaired		18	Stairs renewed or repaired	....	0
Premises cleaned	....	2	Offensive accumulations removed	....	8

#### **2. Visits, Notices, etc.**

Total visits made during the year	....	....	....	....	3535
Complaints received and investigated		....	....	....	452
(a) Nuisances					
Houses inspected	....	....			846
Number of inspections	....	....			1810
Nuisances found	....	....			462
Nuisances in hand	....	....			180
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Total needing abatement		....			642
Number abated	....	....			480
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Outstanding	....	....			162
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**TABLE 14**—*continued*

**Sanitary Inspector's Summary for the Year ended 31st December, 1955**

**2.—Visits, Notices, etc.—***continued*

(b) Housing—

Houses Inspected	....	141	Representations	....	1
Number of inspections		269	Closing Orders made	....	1
Houses unfit	....	1	Closing Orders determined		0
Houses with defects	....	59	Demolition Orders made		0
Houses made fit informally		26	Houses demolished	....	13
Houses made fit formally		9			

(c) Premises visited, etc.—

Water supply	....	337	Churches	....	2
Drainage	....	777	Closet Conversions	....	874
Stables and Piggeries		3	Overcrowding	....	0
Fish and Chip Shops		18	Verminous Premises	....	2
Moveable Dwellings		5	Infectious diseases	....	22
Factories, mechanical		36	Disinfections	....	3
Factories, non-mechanical		25	Slaughterhouses	....	814
Building Sites	....	4	Shops & Stalls (Food Inspection)		7
Workplaces	....	8	Butchers	....	19
Bakehouses	....	10	Fishmongers	....	3
Cinemas, etc.	....	9	Grocers	....	22
Refuse Collection	....	111	Fruiterers	....	20
Refuse Disposal	....	187	Cowsheds	....	14
Rodent Control	....	40	Dairies	....	10
Schools	....	3	Ice Cream Shops	....	47
Shops	....	83	Restaurants	....	3
Public Houses	....	16	Miscellaneous	....	38

(d) Notices served—

Informal Housing Acts	26	Statutory Housing Acts	....	59
Informal Public Health Acts	462	Statutory Public Health Acts		8

(e) Notices complied with—

Informal Housing Acts	26	Statutory Housing Acts	....	9
Informal Public Health Acts	472	Statutory Public Health Acts		8

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